THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 4th March 1948.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Reclamation work among the 'Criminal Tribes.'

* 24 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(a) what arrangements have been made to carry on the reclamation work among the 'Criminal Tribes' after the repeal of the Criminal Tribes Act;

(b) who the authority still is in charge of reclamation work;

(c) whether the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, C.I.D. and Railways, has submitted a comprehensive scheme to meet the situation that has arisen after the repeal of the Criminal Tribes Act;

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, what the scheme is and how far it has been implemented; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to transfer the reclamation work from the Police department to any other department engaged in social welfare or to create a separate authority for the purpose?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (a) The Government have decided that the existing arrangements for reclamation work should continue after the repeal of the Criminal Tribes Act.

" (b) The Deputy Inspector-General of Police, C.I.D. and Railways, subject to the control of the Inspector-General of Police.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) The scheme proposed by the Deputy Inspector-General does not differ materially from the existing scheme. His proposals are still under consideration of the Government.

" (e) The Government have under consideration a proposal under which the settlements will continue under the control of the Police department and the rest of the reclamation work will be transferred to the Labour department."

Maintenance of roads by the Highways department.

* 25 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the length of the roads taken by the Highways department from the various municipalities for maintenance;